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 Delphi.....
 In the ham radio conference
 CompuServe/HamNet..... HamNet Library 0
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 Internet FTP: oak.oakland.edu.....
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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* * * C L O S E D C I R C U I T A D V I R S O R Y * * *)
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(* E M E R G E N C Y F U N D I N G *)
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(* The following is an important closed circuit advisory. *)
(* Attention all bulletin stations. An update on the *)
(* financial health of Newsline. According to N6TCQ, enough *)
(* funding arrived to permit payment of all outstanding bills *)
(* for the June to July period. That means there is still *)
(* only about \$500 in the account with over a \$1000 in *)
(* invoices expected before the end of August, another \$1000 *)
(* in September, and the same each month. *)
(* The bottom line is that this is still an emergency *)
(* situation. We are still existing hand to mouth and if the *)
(* funds to pay the projected August operating expenses is not *)
(* found quickly, we can tell you that Newsline will disappear *)
(* by mid September. This, because the phone company will *)
(* turn off our service. Without telephones there is no *)
(* Newsline. *)
(* As we have said many times, the decision whether *)
(* Newsline stays or goes is yours. If you want this service *)
(* to continue, we will need your financial support. The *)
(* address for the Newsline Support Fund is: *)
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(* NEWSLINE SUPPORT FUND *)
(* P.O.Box 660937 *)
(* Arcadia, California *)
(* 91066 *)
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(* Your assistance is needed immediately. We thank you *)
(* all for your ongoing generosity and support. Again, and *)
(* as always, we thank you. This ends the closed circuit with *)
(* Newsline report number 939 for release on Friday, August *)
(* 11th, 1995 to follow. *)
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The following is a QST

Hurricane Erin hits the southeast and brings out the best in ham radio. The story of Amateur Radio's part in relief efforts following the storm on Newsline report number 939 coming your way right now!

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HURRICANE ERIN HITS LAND

Hurricane Erin, the surprise storm of 1995, left a path of devastation in the southeast and a new appreciation of ham radio by many residents of Florida and the gulf coast.

After causing little damage on Florida's east coast, Hurricane Erin ambushed the Florida panhandle. Packing 100 mile per hour winds. Statewide three people died, five were missing at sea and estimates ranged to over two hundred million dollars in property damage.

Radio amateurs in south Florida began twenty four hour emergency HF nets on 75, 40 and 20 meters three days before Erin's arrival on Florida's Atlantic coast. Check-ins included a station operating from the National Hurricane Center near Miami. Position reports and current weather conditions were relayed from across the Caribbean. Bahamian stations could be heard describing the hurricanes furry on 75 meters. But Erin lost strength and was downgraded to a tropical storm shortly after landfall near Vero Beach. Crossing the state, re-entering the gulf and regaining hurricane strength. Forecasters projected gulf Port, Mississippi for a second landfall. Surprising Floridians when Erin slammed into Pensacola. Leaving over 400,000 people without power for up to a week. It was the first time a hurricane hit that area in sixty nine years. And there was plenty of grumbling that there wasn't enough warning.

The National Hurricane Center disputed that and state officials blamed panhandle residents for not taking the warnings seriously enough. But one thing is sure. Amateur radio operators from Key West to the panhandle once again were in the forefront before and after Hurricane Erin did her worst.

Even though Erin was not considered an especially dangerous storm, the hurricane kept disaster officials at full alert as it pushed across Florida's panhandle into Alabama. The American Red Cross put radio amateurs on standby in case conventional communications were lost. As the storm moved on shore, Boyd Bradshaw, KB4GDN, manned a communications post in Birmingham. Bradshaw provided disaster officials with frequent damage updates, using a wide area amateur communications network.

"Most of the information was provided
OUT they didn't have any power

Amateurs in the hurricane's path also provided weather reports, including wind speeds before Erin moved ashore. And, they remained on standby to provide health and welfare communications. Bradshaw sez perhaps the biggest service hams provided was feeding first hand damage reports to the Red Cross, something the agency had difficulty obtaining.

Hurricane Erin is now history, but the National Severe Weather Center says that 1995 may be the most active Caribbean storm season in 21 years. Hams in the southeast and along the gulf coast say that they are prepared for whatever mother nature has in store.

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WOODS INDICTED

A man described as a disgruntled radio repairman for the City of Los Angeles has been indicted on four counts of murder in the first degree with special circumstances for the July 19th killing four supervisors at the city's Piper Tech Center. Three of those killed were hams.

Willie Woods is accused in the shooting deaths of Marty Wakefield, N6BZ, Neil Carpenter, KA6QIB and Anthony Gain, W6KFN and non-ham James Walton.

Anthony Gain was an Advanced class licensee and trustee for a repeater operated by the city who had chosen to continue to work rather than retire. Wakefield was an active DXer and until May had been an ARRL volunteer examiner. Carpenter held an Advanced class license. All four shooting victims also held FCC General Radiotelephone licenses.

Gain, Carpenter and Wakefield were active in the Los Angeles City Amateur Radio Volunteers, a club aimed at helping city employees become licensed, with an eye toward emergency preparedness functions.

Their alleged killer could face death in California's gas chamber if convicted. He has pleaded not guilty on all counts at a hearing on August 3rd.

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SCDCC

Still in Southern California word that the Southern California Digital Coordination Committee, the group that oversees packet radio operations in the area S.C.D.C.C. says that it will stay

neutral in the fight over who will coordinate FM repeaters in the region. According to the group, its board of directors has recommend a statement of neutrality be issued regarding two meter coordination bodies. This as a way of staying away from the ongoing political strife on the two meter band. The digital community that share 2 meters is staying away from what might be the coordination disaster of the decade.

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FCC'S HALLER MAY ATTEND REPEATER COORDINATION MEETING

Ralph Haller, N4RH, the Deputy Chief of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, may be at the October 7th National Repeater Coordination Forum in St. Charles Missouri. According to the American Radio Relay League, Haller expressed interest in attending the meeting when President Rod Stafford, KB6ZV met with him in Washington last month. He is trying to arrange his schedule so he will be able to be there.

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HDTV UPDATE

Also from the nations capital, word that federal regulators agreed to re-examine rules adopted in 1992 say that broadcasters must enter the new digital world. One of the key issues being re-examined by the Federal Communications Commission is if broadcasters will be required to air a minimal amount of high-definition programs?

The TV industry says there should not be such a requirement. The manufacturers of television sets say that broadcasters should have to air such programs during prime time. They say that if broadcasters don't air programs in high definition then people won't have any incentive to go out and buy new high-definition TV sets set manufacturers say.

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SHOCKED ON REMOTE

A Fort Myers, Florida news crew is recovering in a Tampa hospital after almost being electrocuted in a freak accident while on what broadcasters call a remote. WINK-TV reporter Valerie Vance and photographer Dan Nelson were working on a story in the city of Venice when their truck's microwave antenna mast extended into power lines. Vance and Nelson received extensive injuries when they stepped out of the van and touched the ground.

KH6HME CLAIMS NEW 2 METER DX RECORD

KH6HME has done it once again! He has set yet another overwater distance record on the 144 MHz band between Hawaii and Washington state. On July 1st, Paul Lieb operating from his DX location atop Mauna Loa volcano, worked Jim Costello, W7FI, in Woodinville, Washington, near Seattle, a distance of 4333 kilometers.

The contact came about as the result of a tropospheric ducting opening that began June 28 when the 144 dot 170 MHz beacon on Mauna Loa at 13,680 feet above sea level, was heard on the West Coast. QST VHF columnist Emil Pocock, W3EP called the next three days the most widespread Hawaii to West Coast opening ever recorded.

In the early evening of June 30, KH6HME worked WI7Z and N7KSI, both near the coast of Washington, the first ever 144 MHz contacts from that state to Hawaii, and then worked N7AVK, in Oregon. The breakthrough came the next day, at 06:00, when KH6HME worked several Seattle area stations, beginning with W7FI, and was heard by VE7SKA, who could not make himself heard in Hawaii.

Using computer software, the various Seattle area stations calculated who was the farthest from Mauna Loa, and the winner was W7FI. The record-setting distance was 58 km farther than the six year old record.

Unfortunately, the conditions did not extend to higher bands; KH6HME made 432 MHz contacts with K6QXY and W6SYA, but no others were completed.

The previous record was set between KH6HME and XE2GXQ, on Baja California, a distance of 4276 km, on July 13, 1989.

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PERSEID EVENT

Chris Rand, KB0QQW says via the Internet that the International Association for Astronomical Studies, a not for profit youth astronomy group, will commemorate the 5th annual Perseid Meteor Shower and Summer Campout for The Charles C. Gates Planetarium and The Denver Museum of Natural History at the Evergreen Observatory with an Amateur Radio special event station. Listen in the middle of the General License Class phone bands of 80 meters to 10 meters between the hours of 18:00 zulu on 12 August to 18:00 zulu on 13 August. For a QSL Card, please QSL via Jim Moravec, N0COT, 6474 Kendall St., Arvada, Colorado, 80003. Include a 9.5" x 4" Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Also, for those of you in and close to Colorado, we are going to be operating a VHF/UHF Station from the Observatory. Listen on 146.520 and 446.000 Simplex.

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IARU SATELLITE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR

Due to pressure of work and family commitments Bruce Lockhart, SM0TER he asked to withdraw from the post of IARU Satellite Frequency Coordinator. Nominations to fill the vacancy are now being called for and should be submitted to Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS5AKV by fax via his callbook address.

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NEW YLRL LEADERS

The election is over and Marti Brutcher, N6XDS of Redondo Beach, California will be the new president of the Young Ladies Radio League. Vice President will be Carol Hugentober, K8DHK of the greater Cincinnati area. Secretary is Norma Griffin N7GLQ and the Distributing Treasurer elect is Ginger Frazen, AB6WS. Those elected take office on January 1st and will serve a two year term.

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HEARD ISLAND UPDATE

Here is a progress report on the upcoming Heard Island DXpedition. Ralph says that preparation and crating of equipment are in full swing. The antennas are being pre-assembled and repackaged; coax is being cut to the appropriate lengths and having connectors attached; electrical supply lines are being cut to length; and tools, survival gear, and day to day camp supplies are being crated. Everything will go into a sea container bound for Australia in mid to late August. Ralph adds that he is currently generator shopping, looking for the best combination of quality, power output, and cost. For best flexibility the group needs four units, each capable of around 5 KW output.

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KERMEDIC QSL UPDATE

Also, Frank Smith, AH0W says that of you who worked Kermadec ZL8/G4MFW in May of this year will be pleased to know that the QSL cards are going out very shortly. In fact, many of you will probably have them by the time this newscast goes to air. Frank adds that the QSL manager is KA1JC.

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NEW ORLEANS DX CONVENTION

Finally, a reminder that the 1995 New Orleans DX Convention will hold its forth annual gathering at the Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter from August 25th to the 26th. Planners are

describing it as an all out DX bash and featuring speakers from six recent world class DXpeditions. Also scheduled is on site ARRL DXCC card checking, three technical sessions and a gala banquet featuring the presentation of the DXer of the Year award to Dr. Vince Thompson, K5VT. For more information write to the New Orleans International DX Convention, in care of Michael Mayer, W5ZPA, 5836 Marcia Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124.

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ARRL HQ STAFF MEMBER HONORED

Our congratulations to ARRL Senior Laboratory Engineer Zack Lau, KH6CP, who has received the John T. Chambers Award of the Central States VHF Society.

Lau received the award at the Society's 29th conference in Colorado Springs on July 29th. He was cited not only for his investigative work on the VHF and UHF bands but also for his help, as an ARRL staff member, in fielding questions from other amateurs. KH6CP/1 is a mainstay in VHF and UHF contests as well, often appearing from New England hilltops. Zack Lau also is widely known for his low-power HF accomplishments, including a number of ARRL Sweepstakes awards in the under-5-watt category.

The award was begun in 1970 when it was given to John T. Chambers, W6NLZ, for his work with KH6UK in the 1960's proving the existence of West Coast to Hawaii tropospheric ducting.

Lau is the 23rd recipient of the Chambers Award since its inception. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he has been licensed since 1978 and an ARRL staff member for nine years.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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